



Milk Production Report

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This report contains the results from the quarterly *Milk Production Report*. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for these surveys.

Third Quarter Milk Production Down 8 Percent

Arkansas milk production during the July-September 2010 quarter was 35 million pounds, down 8 percent from the same period in 2009, and down 17 percent from the April-June 2010 quarter. The average number of milk cows on farms during the quarter was 12,000 head, 1,000 head fewer than the same period last year and down 500 head from the previous quarter. Arkansas revised the average number of milk cows on farms during the April-June 2010 quarter to 12,500, down 500 cows from the July report. Milk production for the April-June quarter was revised to 42 million pounds, down 1 million pounds from the July report. Nationally, the number of milk cows declined slightly from the previous year, but milk production increased 3 percent.

Milk Cows and Production: by Quarter, Arkansas and U.S., 2008-2010

Item/Period	Arkansas				United States			
	2008	2009	2010	2010/2009	2008	2009	2010	2010/2009
Milk Cows¹	1,000 Head				1,000 Head			
1st Quarter, January-March	16.0	13.5	13.0	96	9,285	9,295	9,091	98
2nd Quarter, April-June	15.0	13.0	12.5	96	9,315	9,262	9,111	98
3rd Quarter, July-September	14.0	13.0	12.0	92	9,329	9,155	9,123	100
4th Quarter, October-December	14.0	13.0			9,331	9,090		
Milk Production²	Million Pounds				Million Pounds			
1st Quarter, January-March	52	43	41	95	47,609	47,374	47,352	100
2nd Quarter, April-June	52	46	42	91	48,768	48,888	49,753	102
3rd Quarter, July-September	41	38	35	92	46,870	46,793	48,071	103
4th Quarter, October-December	41	37			46,735	46,265		

¹ Includes dry cows; excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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